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1. The following [redacted] sent to all DDR
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"In order to guarantee a complete success in the elections of the 15th of October, it is most urgently necessary, among other things, to secure the fullest possible cooperation of all the forces of the progressive camp of the convinced Christian citizens. As a result of the subversive conduct of numerous (local) church authorities, this problem has become especially urgent and difficult. Its solution will be made easier to that degree in which it is possible to demonstrate to our public that religious freedom is respected in the USSR and in the people's democracies, and that leading Christian personalities also participate significantly in the political leadership.

"For this reason it has been considered in a preliminary conference with Minister-President Grotowohl whether to invite to the Party Convention of the entire CDU on 8 - 10 Sept., as guests of honor, politically active Christians from neighboring friendly countries (for example the Minister Pljhar of Czechoslovakia).

"In order to get an exact idea of the possibilities of such invitations, I request you to give me information immediately as to whether there are still parties in your host country which can be compared with the CDU of the DDR, if only very loosely, who the political leaders of such parties are, and whether and in what manner they take part in the government, in parliamentary life, and in the social organizations. Please give the most accurate possible information concerning the persons in question, that is to say, their names, addresses, organizations, so that a final decision can be reached as to whether such invitations should be sent out. I beg you to reply to this letter without delay by the next courier."

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